

California State University Students Announce Lt. Governor as Legislator of the Year

Long Beach, CA – Today the California State Student Association (CSSA) announced that Lt. Governor John Garamendi, who serves as President of the Senate and as a CSU Trustee, is the honoree for the group's "Legislator of the Year" award. Garamendi has worked tirelessly on behalf of students in opposing ongoing tuition increases, advocating for faculty and service staff pay equity and calling for greater transparency in executive compensation at the state's public universities. "I am honored to receive this recognition and remain committed to working side by side with CSSA to ensure that every student can reach their dreams through affordable and accessible public higher education," Garamendi said. "If California intends to remain a global leader both socially and economically, then we must continue to invest in our education system to grow the intellectual capital of our state."

Every year the CSSA selects an honoree that has shown leadership and dedication to issues that are vital to California's state colleges and universities. Individuals who receive the award have demonstrated a strong commitment to education and have advocated on behalf of students throughout the state.

"Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi is a proven leader in finding solutions that support our students and has been a leading voice in standing up for college affordability and making sure that the doors of higher education remain open for all those who have earned the right to attend," said Dina Cervantes, Chair of the Board of Directors for CSSA. "We are deeply honored to have such a friend and a strong ally in Lt. Governor Garamendi"

Earlier this month the University of California Student Association honored Lt. Governor Garamendi with their "Friend of the Student" award.

CSSA provides a unified voice for over 405,000 students of the California State University system. The Association represents each of the system's 23 campuses, which range in diversity from the northern California redwood campus of Humboldt State University to the southernmost campus of San Diego State University.

CSSA's Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. For more information call (562) 951-4025